

DRAWING AMENDMENTS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIG. 2, inserting reference numeral 210, which was inadvertently omitted. This sheet, which includes FIGs. 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including FIGs. 1 and 2. Also attached is a red-lined Annotated Sheet showing changes to FIG. 2.

REMARKS

With this response, FIG. 2 is amended to include reference numeral 210, which was discussed in paragraph [0012], but which was inadvertently omitted from the originally filed FIG. 2. No new matter is added.

Additionally, paragraphs [0003], [0012] and [0019] of the specification are amended to correct typographical errors.

Claims 1-23 are Allowable

The Office has rejected Claims 1-23, at paragraph 3 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,876,730 (“Woodring”). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

None of the cited references, including Woodring, disclose or suggest the specific combination of Claim 1. In contrast to Claim 1, Woodring discloses a tele-work service that includes a service control point (SCP) to instruct a service switch point (SSP) to redirect a call and to provide an indication whether a distinctive ringing pattern should be used. *See Woodring*, col. 5, lines 51-67. Woodring discloses a distinctive ringing pattern “so as to identify the call as resulting from the tele-work service.” *See Woodring*, col. 5, lines 57-60. Woodring fails to disclose or suggest a “service control point configured to direct the service switch point to utilize a first distinctive ring in response to receiving the call termination request when a redirect number address does not match a specified redirect number address and to utilize a second distinctive ring when the redirect number address matches the specified redirect number address,” as recited in Claim 1. Thus, Claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-6 depend from Claim 1, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Thus, Woodring does not disclose or suggest at least one element of each of the dependent Claims 2-6, at least by virtue of their dependency from Claim 1.

Further, none of the cited references, including Woodring, disclose or suggest the specific combination of Claim 7. In contrast to Claim 7, Woodring discloses a tele-work service that includes a service control point (SCP) to instruct a service switch point (SSP) to redirect a call and to provide an indication whether a distinctive ringing pattern should be used. *See Woodring*, col. 5, lines 51-67. Woodring discloses a distinctive ringing pattern “so as to identify the call as resulting from the tele-work service.” *See Woodring*, col. 5, lines 57-60. Woodring fails to disclose or suggest “selectively directing the utilization of a first distinctive ring when a redirect number address does not match a specified redirect number address and the utilization of a second distinctive ring when the redirect number address matches the specified redirect number address when initiating a call to the destination address,” as recited in Claim 7. Thus, Claim 7 is allowable.

Claims 8-13 depend from Claim 7, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Thus, Woodring does not disclose or suggest at least one element of each of the dependent Claims 8-13, at least by virtue of their dependency from Claim 7.

Moreover, none of the cited references, including Woodring, disclose or suggest the specific combination of Claim 14. In contrast to Claim 14, Woodring discloses a tele-work system that includes a service switch point (SSP), which receives a call to a particular telephone number (i.e. business phone 15A) and initiations a trigger causing a query to be sent to a service control point (SCP). *See Woodring*, col. 5, lines 35-42. Woodring discloses that “the query includes information identifying business phone 15A.” *See Woodring*, col. 4, lines 42-44. Woodring fails to disclose or suggest that the query includes a redirect number address, as recited in Claim 14. Further, Woodring fails to disclose or suggest a service control point that includes logic that “is configured to selectively direct utilization of the redirected call ring feature based on the activation status and based on a comparison of the specific redirect number address with a redirect number address included in the call termination query,” as recited in Claim 14. Thus, Claim 14 is allowable.

Claim 15 is canceled without comment, prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 16-23 depend from Claim 14, which Applicant has shown to be allowable. Thus, Woodring does not disclose

or suggest at least one element of each of the dependent Claims 16-23, at least by virtue of their dependency from Claim 14.

Additionally, none of the cited references, including Woodring, disclose or suggest the specific combination of Claim 24. In contrast to Claim 24, Woodring discloses a tele-work service that includes a service control point (SCP) to instruct a service switch point (SSP) to redirect a call and to provide an indication whether a distinctive ringing pattern should be used. *See Woodring*, col. 5, lines 51-67. Woodring discloses a distinctive ringing pattern “so as to identify the call as resulting from the tele-work service.” *See Woodring*, col. 5, lines 57-60. Woodring fails to disclose or suggest a service control point that includes logic “configured to selectively direct the utilization of a first distinctive ring when a redirect number address matches the specific redirect number address and the utilization of a second distinctive ring when the redirect number address does not match the specific redirect number address,” as recited in Claim 24. Thus, Claim 24 is allowable.

For at least the foregoing reasons, pending Claims 1-14 and 16-24 are allowable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has pointed out specific features of the Claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the references applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending Claims.

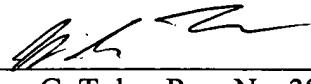
Any changes to the Claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

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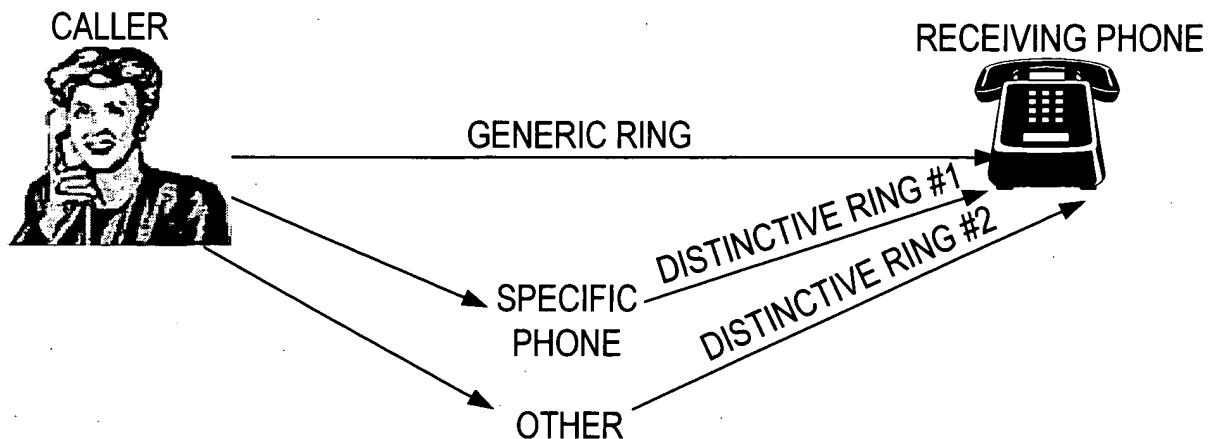


FIG. 1

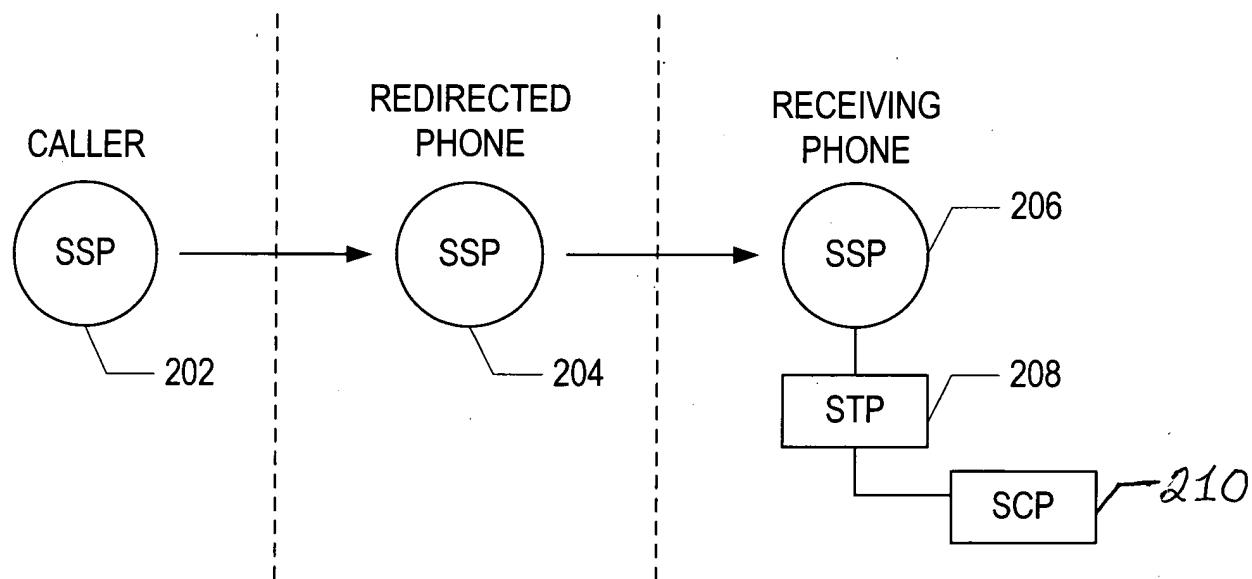


FIG. 2